(d) Total employment in Assam which was of the order of 80.75 lakh in 1993-94 has gone up to 93.57 lakh in 1999-2000.

Educated unemployed youth

2662. SHRI DWIJENDRA.NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :'

(a) the number of educated unemployed youth registered with the employment exchanges in Assam, during the last three years; and

(b) the steps being taken by Government for solving the unemployment problem of the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Number of educated (10th Standard and above) job seekers, all of whom are not necessarily unemployed, on the live register of employment exchanges in the State of Assam as on 31st December, 1999, 2000 and 2001 (latest available) was 10.46,10.82 and 10.37 lakh respectively.

(b) Creation of 50 million employment opportunities (10 million per year) is targeted during the Tenth Plan Period both in the normal growth process and through special employment generation programmes in the country. These will help unemployed youth in the State of Assam also.

International Labour Organisation

2663. SHRI A. VUAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether India consistently abstained from ratifying the Convention (No. 87) on Freedom of Association and Protection of Right to Organise and the Convention (No. 98) on Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining of International Labour Organisation (ILO);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the action taken to ratify the above conventions?